review the system of judicial administration in the country. Among the terms of reference of the Law Commission are:

(a) To keep under review the system of judicial administration to ensure that it is responsive to the reasonable demands of the time and in particular to secure;

(i) elimination of delays, speedy clearance of arrears and reduction of costs so as to secure quick and economical disposal of cases without affecting the cardinal principle that decisions should be just and fair;

(ii) simplification of procedure to reduce and eliminate technicalities and devices for delay so that it operates not as an end in itself but as a means of achieving justice; and

(iii) improvement of standards of all concerned with the administration of justice.

(b) To revise the Central Acts of general importance so as to simplify them and to remove anomalies, ambiguities and inequalities.

(c) To recommend to the Government measures for bringing the statute book-up-date by repealing obsolete laws and enactments or parts thereof which have outlived their utility.

(11) The Government have constituted an informal Committee of 3 Chief Justices to examine the problem of arrears in High Courts and suggest remedial measures .

Introducing computer technology in courts

566. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce computer technology in the State High Courts and Supreme Court of India for speedying up the work and disposal of cases;

(b) if so, what immediate tasks are to be allotted to the computers;

(c) whether Government are also considering a proposal to introduce tapes for recording statements and also use other mechanical devices like photo copying, telex facilities, microfilming and also propose to set up a research, information and development department; and

(d) whether Government have consulted legal and technical experts and High Courts and Supreme Court in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

Judicial Reforms Commission

567. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to appoint a judicial commission; if so, what will be its terms of reference;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce a system of conciliation to clear the backlog of cases and help in quick disposal; and

(c) if so, what will be the form of the conciliation machinery?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) Yes, Sir. The terms of reference of the proposed Commission are under consideration.

(b) and (c) There is no specific proposal to introduce a system of conciliation to clear the backlog of cases and help in quick disposal. However, the Family Courts Act has been enacted with a view to settling